

REGIONAL SCIENCE PROGRAM

Managed by the Office of Research and Development's (ORD) Office of Science Policy (OSP), the Regional Science Program links ORD science with EPA's regional offices. The Program is implemented by headquarters staff and 20 regional scientists and engineers, which includes a Regional Science Liaison (RSL) and a Superfund and Technology Liaison (STL) in each of EPA's 10 regional offices. Program staff build networks and partnerships between regional and ORD scientists, provide technical assistance, and deliver research results on high-priority regional science issues in support of environmental decision-making.

RSL Core Activities

- Provide scientific support for a range of programs within the Regions
- Facilitate science communication between ORD and the Regions
- Support regional office participation in ORD research planning and Agency decision-making
- Manage regional research programs that address high-priority, near-term research needs:
 - Regional Applied Research Effort
 - Regional Methods
 - Regional Research Partnership Program
- Organize and conduct OSP Regional Science Workshops on priority regional issues
- Facilitate ORD technical support for a diverse range of regional science needs

STL Core Activities

- Provide technical support to regional Superfund, RCRA, and Brownfields Programs
- Coordinate technical assistance, including site-specific support, through access to ORD's Technical Support Centers and other Agency sources of expertise
- Facilitate technology and information transfer through:
 - planning and conducting training, workshops, and conferences
 - developing issue papers and scientific journal papers
 - engaging in regional and national technical workgroups and forums
- Work with regional staff to communicate regional research priorities to ORD

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ORD Lead Region Coordination

Program staff work closely with the Lead Region for ORD. Networking with and representing all Regions, the Lead Region for ORD is responsible for identifying and synthesizing the science needs and concerns of all 10 Regions into a "regional view" that can be effectively factored into ORD decision-making. In turn, ORD is responsible for soliciting and using this contribution in its research planning, product delivery, and communication activities.